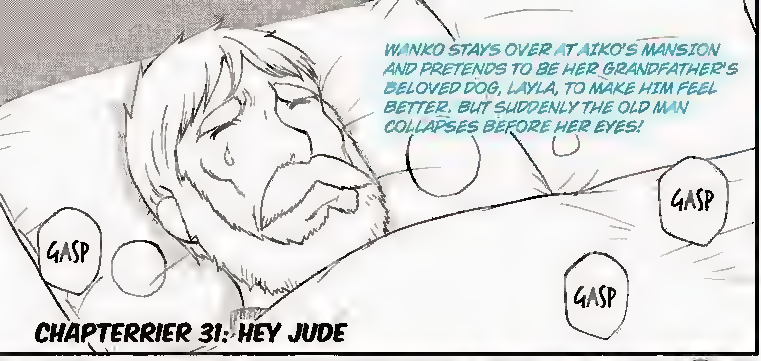
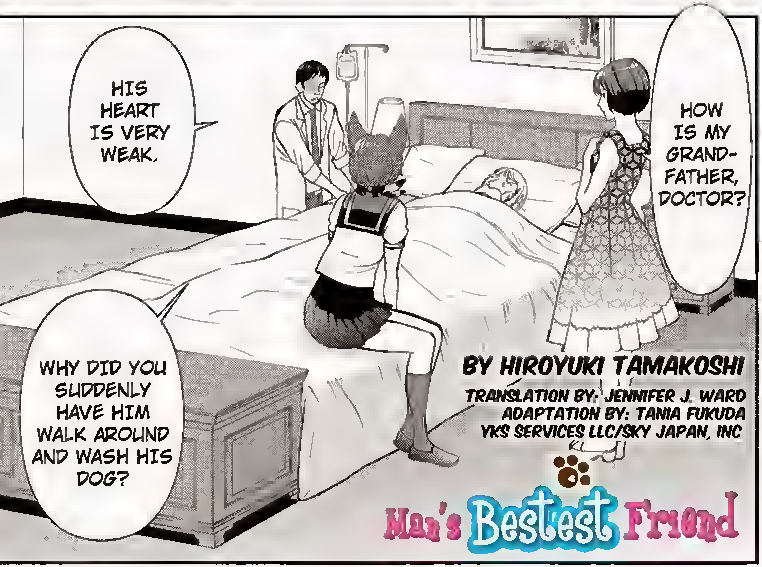

WANKO STAYS OVER AT AIKO'S MANSION AND PRETENDS TO BE HER GRANDFATHER'S BELOVED DOG, LAYLA, TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER. BUT SUDDENLY THE OLD MAN COLLAPSES BEFORE HER EYES!
GASP
GASP
GASP

CHAPTERRIER 31: HEY JUDE



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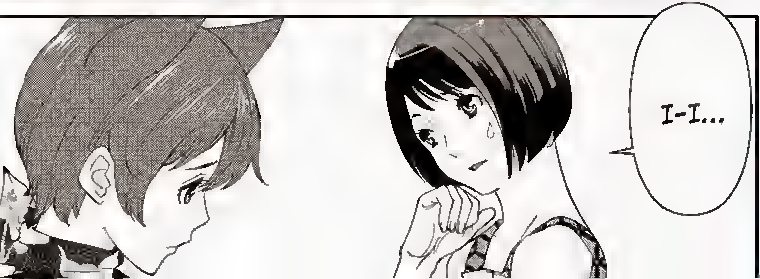

MANGABOX

HE NEEDS REST FOR NOW.
IF HE GETS ANY WORSE, HE'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM.
O-OKAY...
GASP
GASP
IT'S MY FAULT... IT'S BECAUSE I CAME HERE...
HE'S LIKE THIS BECAUSE I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I HAVE TO GO HOME TODAY, BUT...
!
RING RING

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GRAMPA ...
LICK
LICK
I'LL TELL NAKA-SAKA-KUN...
THANK YOU, WANKO-CHAN...
SO GET BETTER SOON...
I'LL STAY WITH YOU FOR A LITTLE LONGER...
SAT SUN MON TUES
AND A WEEK LATER...
WED THURS FRI
IT'S BEEN A WEEK...
DOG
WANKO
SINCE AIKO-SAN CALLED ASKING TO KEEP WANKO FOR A WHILE LONGER.
SIGH ...
THE ARM BONE'S CONNECTED TO YOUR ELBOW! ELBOW! ♪
HA HA HA!

GIVE ME SOME, TOO!
NOM
HEY! DON'T STEAL MY FOOD!
WOW! YOURS IS SO YUMMY!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME LATER!
NOM
I'LL GO PICK HER UP TOMOR-ROW.
WANKO IS REALLY BOISTEROUS, BUT...
I'M SICK OF EATING ALONE...
RING RING
YES, I UNDER-STAND.
SEE YOU LATER.

WANKO-CHAN. NAKASAKA-KUN SAYS HE'S PICK-ING YOU UP TOMOR-ROW.
KOU-ICHI'S COM-ING?
I GUESS I HAVE TO GO HOME SOON...
...
I'M RIGHT HERE!
!!!
WHAT A RELIEF...
ピー
PANT
YOU'RE HERE...
ピー
PANT
I DREAMT THAT LAYLA DISAPPEARED AGAIN...
LAY-LA...
WHERE ARE YOU ...?
ゴホ
COUGH
ゴホ
COUGH
GRAND-FATHER!

GRAM-PA...
DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
GET BETTER SOON!
HA HA ...
YOU'RE TOO KIND. THANK YOU...
WHAT DO I DO...?
I CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE LIKE THIS!
...

WANKO! SORRY I MADE YOU WAIT!
WANKO-CHAN! NAKASAKA-KUN IS HERE!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU TAKE CARE OF HER FOR SO LONG!
NO, THANK YOU. YOU REALLY HELPED US.
ERK...
WHAT? YOU'RE GRUMPY TODAY.
I'VE GOT CANNED DOG FOOD!
CHACK
BUT I'VE PREPARED YOU A FEAST TODAY!
COME ON! LET'S GO HOME.
TUG

H-HEY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DON'T YOU WANT TO COME HOME?
TUG
?
PU
!!
SLIDE
I'LL CARRY YOU HOME, THEN.
WANKO! CUT IT OUT!

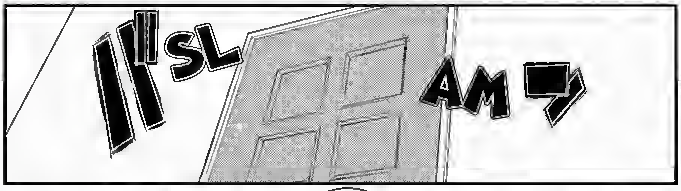
CHOMP
OW!
WANKO, WHY...?
AIKO-SAN, PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE WITH WANKO
S-SURE...
HUH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON, WANKO?

I...
DON'T WANNA GO BACK.
L-LOOK, YOU HAVE RIO AND ERIKA, Y'KNOW?
I'M JUST IN THE WAY, RIGHT?
I-I...
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE TOO KIND.
WHY?
IS THERE A REASON?

BUT STILL, I NEVER WANTED YOU GONE!
YEAH, YEAH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRE-TEND!
YOU DID! LIKE WHEN WE WERE ON THAT HOT SPRINGS TRIP WITH RIO!
TH-THAT'S RIDICULOUS! HAVE I EVER THOUGHT OF YOU THAT WAY, EVEN ONCE?!
WELL, TH-THAT TIME, I, UM...
PLUS THEY HAVE A SALON AND LOTS OF CLOTHES FOR ME...
PLUS, THE FOOD HERE IS REALLY GOOD! COMPARED WITH THE STUFF I GET AT YOUR PLACE, IT'S LIKE KIBBLE VERSUS STEAK!
UM ...
BETTER THAN BEING WITH ME...?
IS IT REALLY THAT GREAT HERE?
AND ...
HUH?

YEAH ...
IT'S BETTER THAN BEING WITH YOU.
CHANGE
KOUICHI...

HEY!
FINE. DO WHAT YOU WANT!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KOU-ICHI ...
HUH? NAKA-SAKA-KUN?
SORRY. IT LOOKS LIKE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE WITH ME...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER.
KOU-ICHI ...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF WANKO!
I'LL ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF YOU. DON'T WORRY!
HERE, WANKO!

I'M SO SORRY FOR BITING YOU...
ポロ
DRIP
I'M SORRY, KOUI-CHI!
ポロ
DRIP
HER TEARS FALL IN ENDLESS DROPS AS THEY PART WAYS!
NEXT TIME: AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS!
KOUI-CHI...

WANKO COULDN'T ABANDON AIKO'S GRANDFATHER, WHO ISN'T IN GOOD HEALTH, SO SHE BIT KOUICHI WHEN HE CAME TO TAKE HER BACK HOME. THE TWO OF THEM PARTED WAYS WITHOUT COMING TO AN UNDERSTANDING...
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TIME FOR YOUR MEAL, LAYLA...
CLACK
OH! YOU'VE STILL GOT LEFT-OVERS ...
BUT IT'S STEAK, YOUR FAVORITE ...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T SEEM WELL.
EAT UP... IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL END UP BED-RIDDEN, TOO.
...

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HE MUST HATE ME, NOW...
I WAS SO HORRIBLE TO KOUICHI...
GO BACK THERE AGAIN...
I CAN'T...
I'M RIGHT HERE!
OH! THERE YOU ARE...
MMM...
LAYLA...
KOUICHI...

YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR MEAL AGAIN?
OH?
H-HEY! YOU SHOULD-N'T GET UP!
HM...
I HAD TOO MANY SNACKS EARLIER, SO I'M ALL FULL!
UH... UM... YEAH...
THANK YOU...
YOU'VE LET ME DREAM LONG ENOUGH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND ANYMORE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE BEEN REALLY HAPPY THE PAST FEW DAYS...
GOING FOR WALKS WITH YOU...
EATING WITH YOU, SLEEPING WITH YOU...
BUT... IT'S TIME FOR ME TO WAKE UP.
NO, NO...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THIS ISN'T A DREAM!
I'M LAYLA! LAYLA!

LAYLA DIDN'T WEAR A SCHOOL UNI-FORM...
SHE WORE A DRESS!
HUH? DO I LOOK LIKE...
A HUMAN TO YOU?
YES. OF COURSE YOU DO. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAY, TOO.
WOW! YOU'RE JUST LIKE KOU-ICHI!
AND SHE HAD A LITTLE MORE BOING THAN YOU!
PAT
WHAT?!
NANANA

BUT YOU AND AIKO WERE SO SINCERE.
I COULDN'T SAY I KNEW IT WASN'T HER...
WELL, YES.
OH!
DOES THAT MEAN YOU KNEW ALL ALONG?!
EVENTUALLY IT FELT LIKE LAYLA WAS ACTUALLY THERE...
AND THOUGH IT WAS ALL AN ACT FOR BOTH OF US...
AND THOUGH I DIDN'T INTEND FOR IT TO HAPPEN, I ENDED UP LETTING MYSELF DREAM A LITTLE...
GRAMPA...

WELL, I'M FINE NOW,
SO YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO YOUR OWNER.
BUT... I CAN'T.
WHY'S THAT?
BECAUSE I... DID SOMETHING AWFUL TO KOUICHI.
...
BUT YOU STILL WANT TO SEE HIM, DON'T YOU?
YES!
WAN-KO!
YEAH ...

I WANNA SEE KOUICHI!
A DOG AND THEIR OWNER ARE ONE IN SPIRIT!
THEN IT WILL ALL BE FINE!
GRAM-PA...
COME ON. GO TO HIM.
IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, HE'LL DEFINITE-LY FEEL THAT WAY, TOO.
OKAY...

OH!
AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
THANKS, GRAMPA!
ぎゅ
IT'S WAN-KO!
WANKO, HUH?
COME OVER AND PLAY AGAIN SOME-TIME.
I WILL!

EEK!
DASH
POP
WAIT FOR ME, KOU-ICHI!
I'M COMING HOME RIGHT NOW!

DASH

I'M LOST...
WHERE AM I...?

TAP TAP TAP
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WAIT!
A DOG!
HAHAHA
LEAP

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WANKO DISAP-PEARED ?!
HUH ?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
I'M SORRY. IT SEEMS SHE SLIPPED OUT OF THE HOUSE...
I THINK SHE WAS TRYING TO GO HOME...
THAT DUM-MY...
HOW MANY KILOME-TERS AWAY DOES SHE THINK THAT IS?
H-HEY! NAKA-SAKA! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A MINUTE !

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NERIMA ?
I DON'T KNOW, MEOW.
TOKYO'S THAT WAY!
I DUNNO ABOUT NERIMA, BUT...
IT'S NOT *THAT* FAR, BUT IT'S NOT A DISTANCE YOU CAN RUN.
IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY IF YOU HAD WINGS, THOUGH.
BUT I HAVE TO GET THERE!
THANKS!
BIT BY BIT, I THINK I'M GETTING CLOSER...

COME ON... DON'T GIVE UP...
I'M GONNA SEE KOU-ICHI...
AND TELL HIM I'M SORRY!
BEEP BEEP
HUH?

THUMP
SHE DIDN'T GET TO SEE KOUICHI...
NEXT TIME: AN EMOTIONAL CLIMAX!

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WANKO!
WHERE ...
WHERE IS SHE?
HURRY TO WANKO'S SIDE, KOUICHI!
AIKO-SAN SAID WANKO WAS HEADED BACK TO MY PLACE, BUT...
BETWEEN THE SAIONJI MANSION AND MY HOUSE!
THAT IDIOT! EXACTLY HOW FAR DOES SHE THINK IT IS...

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DASH
HEY, YOU!
OH! OVER THERE!
A VET ...
WHERE'S A VET?!
WANKO ...
WANKO!
DON'T DIE ON ME...

HNN...
...
HUH?
WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE AWAKE.
!
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M LAYLA!

LAYLA?!
YOU'RE ALIVE!
NO... UNFORTU-NATELY, I'M NOT!
HUH?!
BUT...
THIS IS DOG HEAVEN!
THEN AM I DEAD, TOO?!
SHOCK
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN STAY HERE JUST YET...
OH! I HAVE TO TELL GRAMPA THAT YOU'RE DEAD!
I MEAN, HE STILL BELIEVES YOU'RE ALIVE...

NO WAY...
IT'S OKAY.
I'M SURE GRANDFATHER HAS ACTUALLY KNOWN ALL ALONG.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
BUT HUMANS AND DOGS DON'T HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME.
I AM SAD!
SO YOU'RE NOT SAD, EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE GRAMPA?
OUR TIME FLOWS BY MUCH FASTER THAN THAT OF HUMANS.
EVEN IF US DOGS WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE TOGETHER WITH HUMANS...
SO EVEN IF YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN YOUR OWNER WHEN YOU FIRST MEET HIM...

AFTER FIVE YEARS, WE'RE IN OUR THIRTIES ...
AFTER ONE YEAR, WE TURN SIX-TEEN...
WE'LL DEFINITELY END UP OLDER THAN OUR MASTERS IF WE LIVE OUT OUR FULL LIFE-SPAN.
AND AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS, WE'RE EIGHTY IN DOG YEARS.
MEMO-RIES...?
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO MAKE LOTS OF MEMO-RIES WITH HIM!
I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM KOU-ICHI!
I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAP-PEN!

MEMORIES REMAIN, EVEN AFTER WE ARE GONE...
SO EVEN THOUGH I'M GONE, AS LONG AS HE REMEMBERS ME...
I WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON IN HIS HEART.
HUH ?
BUT YOU STILL DON'T HAVE MANY MEMORIES WITH YOUR OWNER!
LAYLA ...
キュン
MOVED

DON'T DALLY AROUND HERE!
HURRY BACK TO HIM!
OH, AND IF YOU SEE GRAND-FATHER, TELL HIM...
?
OKAY!
THANK YOU...
FOR ALL THE WONDER-FUL MEMO-RIES.
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO MAKE...
MEMO-RIES,
WANKO.

WANKO ...
WANKO ...
IT'S KOU-ICHI...
OH...
HUH? I'M AT HOME?
...
WHAT A RE-LIEF ...
I'M SO RE-LIEVED ...
!
YOU'RE ALIVE... THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

I... DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO IF YOU DIED...
SOB
I WOULD BE SO LONELY...
SOB
AND SO SAD...
SOB
SO I...
SOB
SLIDE
KOU-ICHI ...
THANK YOU,
HUG
KOU-ICHI!

UNTIL WE'VE MADE LOTS MORE MEMORIES TOGETHER.
IT'S OKAY... I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MORE YEARS WE HAVE TOGETHER, BUT...
LET'S MAKE LOTS OF MEMO-RIES WHILE WE CAN!

A FEW DAYS LATER...
HELLO!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
ペコ
BOW
SO WANKO'S FEELING ALL BETTER! THAT'S GREAT!
THE VET SAID SHE'S OKAY, TOO.
WHAT?
YOU SAW LAYLA?
WOOF WOOF
ワン ワン!
HUH...? HE'S TALKING WITH WANKO?
JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I SEE HER AS A HUMAN, TOO.
WHAT?!
SHOCK
SO I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES HER AS A HUMAN?!
OH! AND I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM LAYLA!
FROM LAY-LA?

THANK YOU...
FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES.
I SEE ...
SO I HEARD YOU RAN OUT ON WORK TO GO LOOK FOR WANKO!
HAHAHA. I WAS SCOLDED PRETTY BADLY AFTERWARDS!
HMM ...
BOTH YOU AND GRANDFATHER, HUH? YOU'RE SO CLOSE TO YOUR DOGS IT SEEMS LIKE YOU CAN TALK TO THEM...
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS...

OH! ARE YOU JEALOUS OF WANKO-CHAN, AIKO?
N-NO!
SHE'S QUITE THE SPITFIRE, BUT PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY GRAND-DAUGHTER, NAKA-SAKA-KUN!
PUSH
OH!
HUH ?!
BADUMP
OH, NO!
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE!
SQUISH

OW!
H-HEY!
I'M THE ONE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MAKING MEMORIES WITH!
...YOU ARE AN F-MINUS, AFTER ALL.
S-STOP IT, WANKO!
O-OW!
TH-THAT HURTS!!
NEXT TIME: THE KITTY STRIKES BACK!

TODAY'S ANIMAL LAND IS A SPECIAL ON CATS, HUH? THEY'RE SO CUTE! ♡
MURG!
JAPAN IN PARTICULAR IS FAMOUS FOR HAVING A LOT OF CAT LOVERS... WE'RE VERY ATTRACTED TO THESE WHIMSICAL, ALOOF CREATURES.
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?
THEY ARE CUTE, BUT...
THIS JUST REMINDS ME OF A JERK I KNOW!

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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, KOUICHI-KUN. ♡♡
N-NORN-CHAN?!
YAGHH
WANKO?!

RAGE
レキィー
YOU STUPID KITTY! HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAND ON ME?!
OH? I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.
GRRR
グルルー
YOU LOOK GOOD ON THE FLOOR AS USUAL INUKO
IT'S WAN-KO!
ANYWAY WHY DID YOU SHOW UP HERE SO SUDDENLY NORN-CHAN?
?
I'VE...
RUN AWAY FROM HOME...

WHAT? YOU'VE RUN AWAY?!
WHY?!
DADDY USED TO BE CRAZY ABOUT ME...
FLYING SQUIRRELS ARE SO CUTE!
OTTERS, TOO!
BUT HE'S BEEN SO COLD TO ME LATELY...
I WAS SO LONELY I GOT MAD AND RAN AWAY!
YOU POOR THING...
HMM!
SO LET ME STAY, PLEASE!
HUH?
HEY!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
LET'S LIVE TOGETHER! IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
NO! I CAN'T KEEP TWO PETS!

I'LL TELL MY BOSS YOU GOT LOST AND CAME TO MY PLACE, SO GO HOME TOMORROW!
GRR!
IF YOU SAY SO, KOU-ICHI...
THIS IS PERFECT... A DAY IS ALL I NEED TO CHARM KOUICHI COMPLETE-LY. ♡
THEN I'LL DRIVE INUKO OUT AND THE TWO OF US CAN LIVE TOGETHER!
JUST PUT UP WITH IT!
POO!

OKAY! ♡
HUH? DON'T YOU SMELL A LITTLE?
クンクン
HUH?!
クンクン
クンクン
M-MAYBE...

MURG!
DOGS ARE SUCH A PAIN! YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BATHE THEM!
US CATS GROOM OUR-SELVES...
LICK
WE'RE ALWAYS CLEAN!
LICK
LICK
PAWN

FLING
YEAH! ♡♡♡
SEE, KOUICHI-KUN? I SMELL NICE, DON'T I? ♡♡
SLAM
CUT THAT OUT!
I CAN GROOM MYSELF!
WHAT? DON'T GO OVER-BOARD!

MURG!
Crack
GYA!
YOU IDIOT! DOGS AREN'T AS FLEXIBLE AS CATS!
...
I THOUGHT MY HIPS WERE GONNA COME OFF!
DON'T KILL YOURSELF!
WHAT THE HECK? THIS JUST MADE THEM CLOSER!
MY PLAN BACKFIRED.
I'VE GOT TO STOP PLAYING THE SWEET KITTY...
IF THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES, I'M GOING TO SEDUCE KOUICHI FOR REAL.

YAWN!
DON'T YOU THINK I'VE... GROWN A LITTLE RECENTLY?
OKAY... TIME FOR BED!
HEY, KOUCHI-KUN.. LOOK..
HUH?!
N-NORN-CHAN?!

SH-SHE HAS! ♡♡
GULP
HER LEGS ARE LONGER THAN THE LAST TIME SHE CAME OVER...
IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE SHE'S GROWN! ♡♡
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
STROKE
STROKE
SMOOSH
SMOOSH
AHA... ♡♡

UH- UHAT ARE YOU DOING, NORN-CHAN?
DON'T YOU KNOW? CATS ARE REALLY AFFEC-TIONATE...
BUT ONLY TOWARD SOMEONE THEY LIKE ♡
SNOOP SNOOP
N- NORN-CHAN?!
TEE-HEE! HUMANS ARE ALL THE SAME! ♡
HEY, KOUICHI-KUN...

I'M WAY BETTER AT THIS THAN INUKO, YOU KNOW. ♡
BADUMP
ドキ
BADUMP
ドキ
I'M WAY BETTER THAN INUKO.
BADUMP
ドキ
BADUMP
ドキ
AHA HA HA!
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AHA HA HA!
アハハハ
HUH?!
IT TASTES SO SWEET! THE YOGURT'S SO SWEET! ♡
COME ON, STOP IT, WANKO!
…
GYAHAHAHA!

COME ON! STOP SLEEP TALKING!
WHY, KOU-ICHI?
WHERE'S MY YOGURT?
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
UM, NO, I'M NOT, ER...
...
YOU WERE FOOLING AROUND AGAIN?! YOU SUCK!
THEIR BOND HAS BECOME SO DEEP SINCE I LAST SAW THEM...
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!
ペコ BOW ペコ BOW
BUT YOU WERE SO NICE AFTER THE ACCIDENT!
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ME TO SQUEEZE IN.
TSK!
JUST... HMPH!

I'M GOING HOME.
RATTLE
HUH? YOU'RE NOT STAYING OVER?
I'M JUST GOING 'CAUSE I WANT TO SEE DADDY.
O-OH... THEN COME AGAIN SOMETIME!
!
GOOD-BYE!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I GUESS SHE HATES ME NOW.
THEY SAY A WOMAN'S HEART CHANGES LIKE THE EYE OF A CAT, YOU KNOW!
PAD
PAD
PBBTTTH!
HEY! NORN-CHAN!
I'M NEVER COMING AGAIN!
PBBTH!

BUT STILL, NORN-CHAN HAS SURE GROWN UP INTO ONE HOT SEX KITTEN!
HUH? WHAT?
WILL WANKO HAVE AN ADULT FIGURE SOMEDAY, TOO?
KOU-ICHI...♡
WHAT WOULD I DO...
PANT PANT
EEK! YOUR NOSE IS BLEED-ING!
ARE YOU OKAY, KOU-ICHI?
IF THAT HAP-PENED ?!
NEXT TIME: A HAUNTED MANSION WITH ERIKA?!

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CHAPTERRIER 35: AND I LOVE HER

HEY, KOUICHI! WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
WANKO, I'M GONNA CLOSE THIS SO BUGS DON'T GET IN.
HMM?
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THAT'S FESTIVAL MUSIC! THEY'RE HAVING A FESTIVAL AT THE SHRINE.
ピーヒャラ ピーヒャラ
A FESTI-VAL?!
WHAT'S THAT? LET'S GO!
WELL... I'D RATHER NOT.
BECAUSE WHEN I WENT WITH ERIKA LAST YEAR, I MET A HORRIBLE FATE IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE...
KOU-ICHI!
IT WOULD JUST BRING BACK BAD MEMORIES!
TH-THAT
SCARED MY PANTS OFF!
YEAH, YEAH. YOU CAN'T BE STUCK IN THE PAST FOREVER!
WE'RE GOING!
NOOO!
THE TRAUMA !!

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E-
ERI-KA?!
OH! KOU-ICHI ...?
HUH? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I DO GO TO FESTI-VALS, YOU KNOW!

HUH? WHERE'S YOUR BOY-FRIEND?
OH... HE WAN-DERED OFF...
HE MIGHT HAVE ALREADY LEFT.
ANYWAY, SO YOU'RE HERE WITH WANKO?
Y-YEAH...
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SEE YOU, WANKO-CHAN!
LICK
LICK
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
HUH? MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW HER, BUT...
DOKUN
IT SEEMS LIKE ERIKA'S GOTTEN EVEN PRETTIER ...

!
HAUNTED HOUSE
HUH?!
WHAT'S WRONG? THINKING ABOUT THE HAUNTED HOUSE?
WOOF
WOOF
OH... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
NO MORE, SAY NO MORE!!
EEK!
WHEN WE CAME HERE LAST YEAR, YOU...

HUH?
BUT, BUT...
HEY, DO YOU WANT TO GO IN? WANKO-CHAN LOOKS LIKE SHE WANTS TO GO IN, TOO.
NOD NOD
GHOSTS AREN'T REAL!
IF I CAN SHOW HER HOW COOL I AM THIS TIME...
HUH?! BUT WAIT... THIS MIGHT BE MY CHANCE TO CLEAR MY NAME!
ERIKA MIGHT THINK BETTER OF ME!
LET'S GO IN!
HUH?
SQUEEZE
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I'LL PROTECT YOU AND WANKO!
FOR SURE! I'M GOING IN READY FOR ANYTHING, EVEN DEATH! SO WE'LL BE FINE!
Y-YEAH...
!?
TWO ADULTS...
AND ONE DOG, PLEASE!!
HAUNTED
ヒュー
ヒュー
ヒュー
ヒュー
EHEHE
EHEHE
EHEHE
EHEHE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

KEEKE
EHEHEHE
EEEK!
I CAN'T DOOOO THIIIIS!
BUT ...!
OH, NO! IT'S EVEN SCARIER THAN LAST YEAR!
WHINE WHINE
I'VE CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR...!!
SQUEEZE
I'VE GROWN, AND I'M GONNA SHOW ERIKA THAT!
HUH?
IT'S NOT SCARY IF I CLOSE MY EYES ...
I CAN KEEP GOING IF I DO THIS!

RELAX, IT'S OKAY...
ISN'T THIS SCARIER THAN LAST TIME?
IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, KOUICHI?
I'LL STAY WITH YOU RIGHT TO THE END!
I'M SCARED, KOU-ICHI!
HUH? WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I CAN HEAR WANKO'S VOICE...
SMOOSH
SQUISH
HUH?!
THIS FEEL-ING!

THEY'RE DOING THIS?!
SQUEEZ
SQUEEZ
SMOOSH
SMOOSH
DOES THAT MEAN THAT RIGHT NOW...
I-I WANT TO OPEN MY EYES, BUT I'M SCARED...
BUT... MAYBE JUST FOR A MOMENT...
HUH?

YAAAAAGH!!
ヤァァァァ
LOOM
デロデロデロ
KOU-ICHI !!
EEEK!
HELP MEEEE!
THUNK
ガチャン
RATTLE
CRASH
ガッシャーン
THERE HE GOES.
USELESS, AS USUAL.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
クスクス
I THINK KOUICHI'S CHANGED A LITTLE SINCE HE GOT YOU.
HOW-SO?

IT SEEMS LIKE...
HE'S REALLY ENJOY-ING LIFE.
THAT'S THANKS TO YOU, HUH?
SMOOCH
THANK YOU!
WELL...
I...
DOES SHE...
STILL... LOVE KOUICHI?

EEEEEE!!
AH! YOU SUR-PRISED ME!
?!
IT'S A REAL ONE!!
O-OW!
OW!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
STOMP
STOMP
IT'S ME!
IT'S KOUICHI!

I DIDN'T GET TO SHOW OFF TO ERIKA AFTER ALL...
THAT WAS REALLY SCARY, HUH, WANKO-CHAN?
FRIED SQU
JEEZ! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
SIGH
稲荷
I'M PATHETIC...
I HAD FUN TODAY, KOUICHI. THANKS.
NO PROB-LEM.
NEXT TIME YOU GO TO A FESTI-VAL...
INVITE ME, OKAY?
HUH ...?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR BOY-FRIEND?

HUH?!
WE BROKE UP.
SEE YOU.
THEY BROKE UP...?
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MEANS...
THAT I HAVE A CHANCE...
TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH ERIKA!
GRRRR!
NEXT TIME: ERIKA AND THEN RIO, TOO?!

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WOW! IT'S SO PRETTY!
AUTUMN IS IN FULL SWING, HUH?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST WENT FOR A WALK TOGETHER LIKE THIS!
YEAH!
CHAPTERRIER 36: SGH. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND
WHEN YOU THINK FALL, YOU THINK RO-MANCE ...
RIGHT ?

BADUMP
RIO-SAN IS ADOR-ABLE, AS USUAL!
BUT OUR RELATION-SHIP HASN'T GONE ANY-WHERE...
HAHAHA!
SINCE OUR HOT SPRINGS TRIP.
HAHA!
I MIGHT JUST HAVE LET THE OPPOR-TUNITY OF A LIFETIME SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS...
BY THE WAY, NAKA-SAKA-SAN, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS VIDEO?
HUH?
LET'S GET MARRIED, YUMI-CHAN! KISS ME!
KYAP
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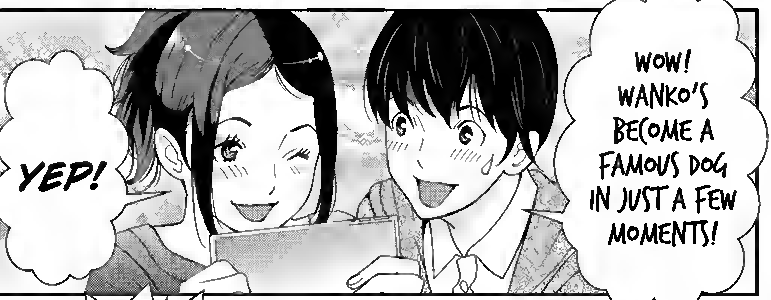
WOW! THAT DOG'S DOING SLAP-STICK!
HUG ME, YUMI-CHAN!
WHAP!
THIS VIDEO IS REALLY POPULAR RIGHT NOW! IT'S GOT OVER TEN THOUSAND VIEWS!
WOW! REALLY ?!
I THINK WANKO COULD DO EVEN BETTER, THOUGH.
THEN WHY DON'T WE GO TO YOUR PLACE RIGHT NOW TO FILM WANKO-CHAN?!
SHE'LL BE SUPER POPULAR, I JUST KNOW IT!
YOU REALLY THINK SO?!
HUH? WELL, YEAH ...
RIO-SAN IS COMING TO MY PLACE...
O-OKAY!
THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER CHANCE TO GET CLOSE TO HER!

I'M HOME!
WELCOME BACK, KOUICHI!
HMM?
HELLO, WANKO-CHAN! ♡
NURG!
WHY IS RIO HERE?!
DON'T BE LIKE THAT! RIO-SAN CAME HERE TODAY..
TO FILM YOU AND MAKE YOU A STAR!
IF IT GOES WELL, YOU MIGHT EVEN BE ON TV OR IN MOVIES!
TV, HUH?
F-FINE, I'LL DO IT.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
FOR NOW, JUST DO THE USUAL.
OKAY, HERE WE GO!
ACTION!
RIO-SAN IS REALLY INTO THIS...
SHAKE A PAW, WANKO!
PAT
:46
BEG!
OTHER PAW!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, RIO-SAN?! THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR US!
(UUUT! No No No No!
ANY DOG CAN DO THAT!
HUH?
IT HAS TO HAVE MORE OF A SHOCK FACTOR!

REALLY AMAZING DOGS EVEN DO SURFING AND SKY-DIVING AND STUFF!
THERE'S LOTS OF DANCING DOGS OUT THERE...
THEN WHAT ABOUT DANC-ING?
!
POP
HMM .. I WONDER WHAT SHE COULD DO...
..
DONE ALREADY ?
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE DOGS LIKE THAT REALLY EXIST!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHAT I WANTED!
SHE ALWAYS DOES THAT WHEN SHE'S BORED
QUIET DOWN!
WANKO-CHAN IS DRAWING!

I'LL UPLOAD IT ON A VIDEO SHARING SITE RIGHT AWAY!
OKAY.
EEK! SHE'S ALREADY GOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND VIEWS!
WHOA! MAJORLY CUTE!
AMAZING! LOL SO CUTE
SUPER CUTE! LOLOLOL
PRETTY WELL-TRAINED LOL
WELL-LOVED DOG
WHAT?


WOW! WANKO'S BECOME A FAMOUS DOG IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS!
YEP!

OH! IF THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT'S POPU-LAR...
EAT THIS, WANKO!
I'M FULL RIGHT NOW.
PLEASE, WANKO!
FINE!
HUH?! WHAT THE HE(K?!
CHOMP
CHOMP

WANKO-CHAN IS EATING WITH A FORK!
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
WANKO
EAT MORE!
GO, WANKO !!
=BURP= I'M FULL.
OKAY! I'LL UPLOAD IT!
OKAY!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT'S REAL..
HUH? BAD REVIEWS ?!
NO WAY THIS IS REAL, MAN. ;> _>
I WAS EXPECTING BETTER...
CRAP! LOL SCREW CG LOL
BORING BOORING BOOOOORING!
CUT OUT THE EDITING, LOLOLOL
SOOO DAMN BORING ROFL
WHAT EXACTLY DO PEOPLE WANT?!
DRAWING IS OKAY BUT EATING WITH A FORK ISN'T?

OH! WHY DON'T WE DO NININ-BAORI?*
IT'S FUNNY! I THINK PEOPLE WOULD LAUGH!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! IT'S GOT HUMOR, TOO.
THEN LET'S DO IT!
THEN NAKA-SAKA-SAN, TAKE THE CAMERA, PLEASE!
O-OKAY ...
SORRY ABOUT THIS, WANKO-CHAN!
?!
HUH ?!
HOW IS THIS NAKASAKA-SAN? DO I LOOK LIKE A SINGLE PERSON?

*A GAG WHERE YOU HAVE ONE PERSON PLAYING THE HEAD AND ANOTHER BEHIND THEM PLAYING THE ARMS, HIDDEN BY A SHIRT.

HELLO, EVERY-ONE! I'M WANKO, FROM NERIMA DISTRICT!
NICE TO MEET YOU ALL, WOOF!
RIO-SAN... THAT LINE IS BEYOND AMATEUR-ISH.
HUH?!
ECK! NAKASAKA-SAN! WHERE ARE YOU AIMING THAT CAMERA?!
OH! SORRY ...
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
H-HAVING HUGE BOOBS ATTACHED TO A DOG'S HEAD MIGHT BE A LITTLE WEIRD...

I FEEL SOMETHING SQUISHY ON MY PAWS! IT FEELS GROSS!
OH! NO! DON'T MOVE, WANKO-CHAN!
SMOOSH
SMOOSH
EEEEEEEK!
YOUR BOOBS ARE GET-TING SMOO-SHED!
OH!
TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!
YOU'RE LEERING AGAIN, KOUI-CHI!
SQUISH
YOU DUMMY!

AAAAACK!
SLIDE
AAAAACK-♥♥♥
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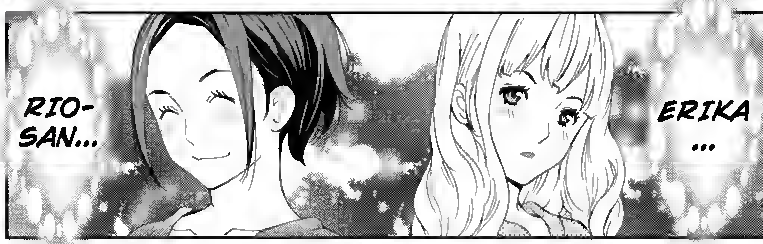
NAKA-SAKA-SAN, STOP FILM-ING!
THIS IS RECORDING LIVE!
CAW
CAW
ACK! OH, NO!

THIS HAS GOTTEN REALLY AWK-WARD...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ポリポリ
SCRATCH SCRATCH
I'M GOING HOME...
OH!
CLENCH
R-RIO-SAN, WAIT!
HUH?
I-I...
WANT TO TELL YOU SOME-THING...
ドキドキ
PADUM PADUM
UM...
NAKA-SAKA-SAN...
THE TRUTH IS, UM...
PADUM PADUM

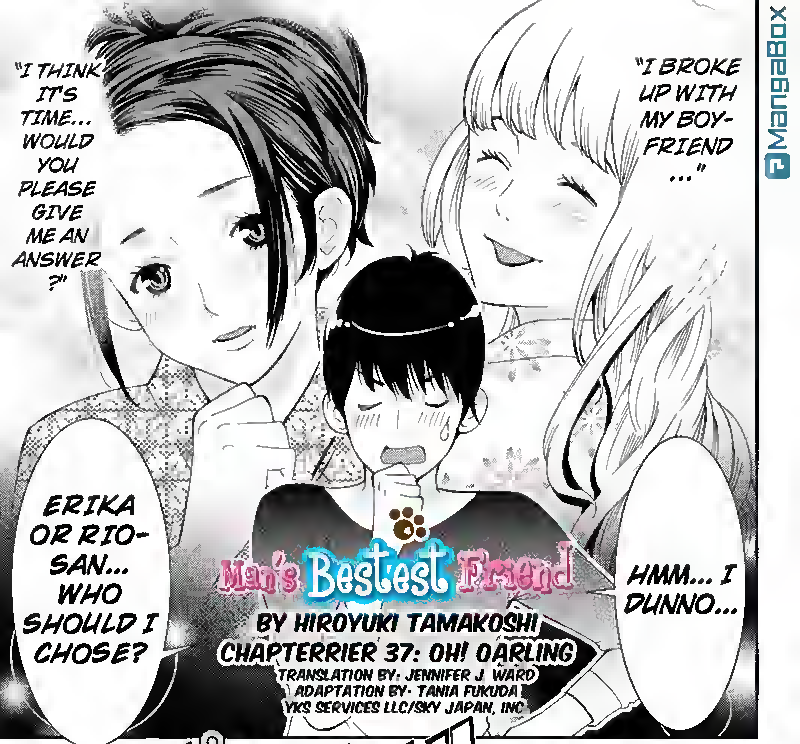
I CAN TALK WITH WAN-KO!
...
IS THAT SO?
H-HUH? YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?
I BE-LIEVE YOU ...
I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU LOVE HER...
NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
BUT NAKA-SAKA-SAN, I...
HUH?

YOU HAVEN'T COME TO THE PET SHOP RECENTLY...
SO I WAS HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN AFTER SO LONG, BUT...
RIO-SAN...
NAKASAKA-SAN... WHEN WILL YOU TELL ME?
HUH?!
NEXT TIME, TELL ME FIRST...
I THINK IT'S TIME...
BADUMP
WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE ME AN ANSWER?

THEN... BYE.
R-RIO-SAN...
バタン
THUMP
R-RIO-SAN ♡♡♡
SHE LIKES ME! ♡♡♡
BUT ERIKA WANTS YOU TO ASK HER OUT, TOO.
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?
HUH?!


RIO-SAN...
ERIKA...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
WHAT A DUMMY!
NEXT TIME: ANOTHER LADY JOINS THE BATTLE?!


"I THINK IT'S TIME... WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE ME AN ANSWER?"
"I BROKE UP WITH MY BOYFRIEND..."
ERIKA OR RIO-SAN... WHO SHOULD I CHOSE?
HMM... I DUNNO...
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HUH? WHO COULD THAT BE?
PING PONG
BUT YOU'RE A DOG!
CHOMP
STOP ACTING ALL CONFUSED!
WHY'RE YOU MOONING OVER THEM...
WHEN YOU HAVE ME?!

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WHAT A SMALL KITCHEN! WELL, A GOOD WORKMAN DOES NOT BLAME HER TOOLS, AS THEY SAY...
WH-WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
MY GRAND-FATHER'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP, SO I THOUGHT I'D MAKE HIM SOME BEEF STEW.
BUT IF I DO THIS AT HOME HE'LL FIND OUT, SO I'LL BE PRACTIC-ING HERE!
OKAY, LET'S GET START-ED!
BUT SHE HAS A KIND SIDE TO HER TOO...
PLUS, SHE'S GOR-GEOUS!
THAT'S AIKO-SAN, ALL RIGHT... HAUGHTY AS USUAL.
HAHA HA...IS THAT SO?

BAM
THAT'S A LOT OF TABLETS...
I'M GATHERING COOKING INFO.
WE LIVE IN AN INFORMATION AGE! OF COURSE I HAVE LOTS!
YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME! GO AWAY!
O-OKAY...
IS SHE GONNA BE OKAY?
SO FIRST, I CUT THE MEAT INTO CHUNKS, HUH?
BUT WHERE SHOULD I CUT...?
THIS IS NO GOOD...
THIS KNIFE WON'T CUT IT AT ALL!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF TOOL I CAN USE...
SPARKLE

BRRM BRRM BRRM
H-HELP MEEEE!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!
BRRR
WH-WHAT THE ...?!
BRRM BRRM BRRM
BRRR
HAVE YOU NEVER COOKED BEFORE, AIKO-SAN?
OF COURSE NOT!
PANT PANT
OH... I'LL CUT THE MEAT, THEN.
LET'S PUT THIS AWAY.
O-OKAY ...
GET THE STEW MEAT FROM THE FRIDGE, WANKO!
OKAY!
CAN YOU WASH THE POTATOES, AIKO-SAN?
S-SURE...

DO YOU COOK A LOT, NAKA-SAKA-KUN?
WELL, YEAH .. I'VE LIVED ALONE FOR A LONG TIME.
トン トン
BUT WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY DECIDE TO MAKE BEEF STEW?
HUH?
WELL... COOKING FOR A MAN MAKES HIM HAPPY, RIGHT?
YEAH. I THINK YOUR HOME COOKING WOULD MAKE ANYONE HAPPY!
ジュージー
I DON'T KNOW ...
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

WHAT DO I DO, NAKA-SAKA-KUN?! I'VE NEVER TOUCHED A BABY'S EARLOBE BEFORE!
GOSHOO GAHA
HUH ?!
N-NEI-THER HAVE I...
JERK
SIMMER
SIMMER
IT SAYS SIMMER THE MEAT UNTIL IT'S LIKE A BABY'S EARLOBE...
OKAY! SO NEXT?
HMM ...
I'LL TEST OUT WANKO'S EARS!
EEK!
NOT THE EARS?!!
SMUSH
SMUSH
THAT'S IT!
OW!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
BONK

HUH ?!
BADUMP
ドキ
Y-YOU IDIOT! DOGS DON'T HAVE EAR-LOBES!
S-SORRY... I'M SORRY.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS APOLOG-IZE RIGHT AWAY?
MEN SHOULD-N'T BE SO TIMID!
S-SORRY ...
HAHAHA
はは
OH! I APOLO-GIZED AGAIN!

WHIRR
WHIRR
ENOUGH! JUST PUT THE POT IN THE OVEN!
O-OKAY!
YEAH...
SHE'S TAKING THIS REALLY SERIOUSLY!
A BABY'S EARLOBE...
A BABY'S EARLOBE...
SHE'S GOT A STRONG PERSONALITY SO IT'S EASY TO GET THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT HER, BUT...
WHIRR
SHE'S ACTUALLY A GOOD PERSON... SHE'S REALLY DEVOTED AND GIVING.

HUH ?!
IT'S DONE!
GACHUNK
BUT
AHH!
ACK! IT'S BURNT!
WHY...?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE HEAT WAS TURNED UP TOO HIGH...
I GUESS I DIDN'T NOTICE BECAUSE BEEF STEW IS SUCH A DARK COLOR!
NO WAY...

WHAT AM I DOING... I CAN'T EVEN COOK A SINGLE DISH!
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL YOU A D MINUS...
AIKO-SAN...
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SLIDE
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MM!
THIS ISN'T BAD!
スープ
SOUP

THIS IS GOOD, HUH, WAN-KO?
WOOF WOOF
HUH?
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!
I KNOW IT'S NO GOOD!
NO... IT ACTUALLY TASTES GOOD.
I KNOW HOW SERIOUS YOU WERE ABOUT MAKING IT...
I THINK THE DECIDING FACTOR IN MAKING SOMETHING TASTE GOOD IS HEART!
NAKA-SAKA-KUN...
BLUSH
AND WE'LL GET IT RIGHT FOR SURE NEXT TIME!
I'M SOR-RY...
HUH?

No way...
I-I...
Um...
Then why...?
The truth is, grandfather's birthday was a while ago.
Actually...
I used my grandfather's birthday as an excuse...
I wanted to cook for you.
Is this for his birthday next year?!
No! You're too dense to live!

HUH? IT'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY YET, THOUGH.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
YOU STUPID DUMB-BELL!
YOU BLOCK-HEADED MORON!
ENOUGH! LET ME MAKE IT PER-FECTLY CLEAR!
I'M SAYING I LIKE YOU!

WHAT?!
I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE, KOUICHI NAKASAKA!
?!
POINT
I'LL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AND MAKE YOU EAT SOMETHING SO GOOD...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY NO TO ME! YOU'D BETTER BE READY FOR IT!
STOMP
STOMP
SLAM
AIKO-SAN...

W-WAS THAT AN ANTI-LOVE CONFES-SION?!
TH-THIS IS CRAZY!
NOT JUST ERIKA AND RIO BUT AIKO'S IN THE RUNNING TOO?!
THEN I'VE GOTTA GET SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!
ERIKA! RIO-SAN! AIKO-SAN!
WHAT DO I DOOOO?!
NEXT TIME: WHERE'S WANKO'S MOM?!

ANIMAL MOMS SPECIAL
EXCITING ANIMAL LAND
THE MOTHER LICKS AROUND HER PUPPIES' MOUTHS...
WOW!
TO COMFORT THEM.
CLEE
CLEE
CLEE
CLEE
OH, MAN. MY MOM SENT ME ANOTHER WEIRD PRESENT.
HOW OLD DOES SHE THINK I AM?
!
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DO YOU HAVE A MOM, TOO, KOU-ICHI?
OF COURSE! EVERY TYPE OF ANIMAL HAS A MOM!
THEN... DO I HAVE ONE, TOO?
HUH?!
YEAH.. I'M SURE SHE'S OUT THERE SOME-WHERE.
OH...
EXCITING ANIM
I WANNA GET LICKED LIKE THAT...
BY MY MOM, TOO!
THE MOTHER DOG IS NURSING HER PUPPIES

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WAN-KO ...
OH... WANKO WAS SEPARATED FROM HER MOTHER WHEN SHE WAS SMALL, AFTER ALL.
OKAY! THEN LET'S LOOK FOR YOUR MOM!
PAT
REALLY ?!
PAT
YEAH! I'M SURE WE CAN FIND HER RIGHT AWAY IF WE ASK RIO-SAN.
OKAY! I WANNA MEET HER! I WANNA MEET MY MOM!
THEN LET'S GO NOW!
WANKO-CHAN'S MOTHER?
YES! DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?
PETSHOP MC
THE BREEDER WAS IN TOKYO UP UNTIL WANKO-CHAN WAS BORN, BUT...
THEY'VE MOVED, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM SINCE.

ISN'T THERE A WAY TO GET AHOLD OF THEM?
HMM ...
OH! WHAT IF WE UPLOAD WANKO-CHAN'S PHOTO ONLINE?
SOME-ONE MIGHT RECOG-NIZE HER AND LET US KNOW.
GOT IT! I'LL GO TRY THAT OUT!
OH! NAKA-SAKA-SAN...
JEEZ
I THOUGHT HE CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT OUR RELATION-SHIP!
BEEP
I bought this dog at a pet shop called "Moco" and I'm looking for her mother. Please contact me if you know anything.

Sushi today
Movie now! pic.cheep
So excit
Soo tiired
I wanna go
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT GOT MUCH OF A RE-SPONSE.
I WROTE SOME STUFF ABOUT YOU, BUT...
<< ALBUM PHOTOS >>
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T POST A GOOD PICTURE!
A LOVEY-DOVEY ONE LIKE THIS IS BEST!
Beep ピッ
HEY, STOP IT! RIO-SAN AND ERIKA ARE GOING TO SEE THAT, YOU KNOW!
AGH! YOU ACTUALLY UPLOADED IT!
HUH?!

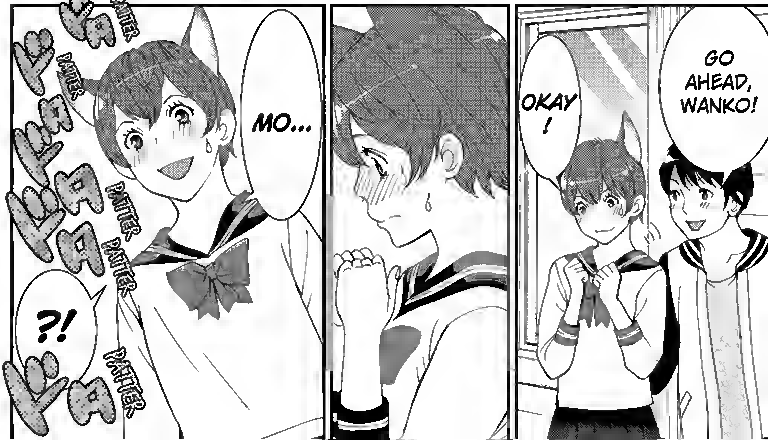
Sooooo cuute! ☆
He says he's looking for this pupp
Spread the word! RC>
She's a Jack Russell, so why not try asking the association?
I've seen a dog with the same fur pattern before!
Chaako
WOW, IT GOT SO MANY RESPON-SES!
SEE! PEOPLE LIKE PHOTOS OF OWNERS AND DOGS BEING LOVEY-DOVEY!
OKAY, THEN LET'S PICK OUT MORE LIKE THAT AND UPLOAD THEM!
PHOTOS
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
OH! THIS ONE IS NICE!
AND THESE, TOO!

LOOKING AT ALL THESE PHOTOS ...
HAHAHA!
LOOK AT YOUR FACE RIGHT THERE!
AHAHAHA!
あはは
LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR!
LET'S SHOW THEM ALL OUR MEMORIES...
OF HAVING FUN TOGETHER!
MAYBE THIS IS IT!
THIS MIGHT BE THE ONE!
YEAH!
She looks like Kim
san's Jack Russell!
If she's a Jack Russe
Moko, it has to be h
Kimura-san is in
Saitama!
Kimura-san breeds Jack
Russell

I CAN MEET MY MOM TOMOR-ROW!
YEAH!
SAITAMA
THEY'RE IN SAITAMA, SO LET'S GO SEE THEM TOMORROW!
TOKYO
NERIMA
HOPE-FULLY SHE CAN READ...
I'M GONNA WRITE HER A LETTER!
I'M COMING TO SEE YOU!
WAIT FOR ME, MOM!
UMM...
I...

AND SO THE NEXT DAY...
OH, MY! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY!
WE MOVED HERE BECAUSE WE WANTED TO RAISE THE DOGS IN A NICE ENVIRONMENT.
HER MOTHER IS IN THE HUT OVER THERE, SO PLEASE, TAKE HER TO SEE HER!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
IS THIS IT?
ACK!
WHAT?
OH, YEAH .. YOU LOOK LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WHEN WE'RE ALONE IN A ROOM
OH!

MOM!


GO AHEAD, WANKO!
OKAY!
MO...
PATTER PATTER PATTER PATTER PATTER
?!

EEEEK!
WH-WHAT? WHAT?!
HUH?!
OH...!
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
PATTER
WOOF
WOOF
キャンキャン

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ワン
ワン
ワン
...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO SAY HI?
NAW... I'M GOOD!
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BUSY...
PLUS, NOW SHE'S NOT MY MOM ANY-MORE...
SHE'S THEIR MOM...

I GOT TO SEE HER LOOKING HAPPY...
AND THAT'S ENOUGH.
WAN-KO...
YOU'RE A BIG SISTER ALREADY!
THEN LET'S GO HOME!
YEAH!

YEAH!
HEY, DO YOU LIVE HERE?

?!

BYE BYE!
"BRO"? WHAT THE?

TAKE CARE OF IT FOR ME, LITTLE BRO!
BYE BYE! I'M HOME GUYS!

OKAY!
CAN YOU GIVE THIS TO YOUR MOM?

HEY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I WAS WORRIED!
TAP
TAP
TAP
MOM!

I'M DOING GOOD, I-WANKO
THE LADY SAID TO GIVE THIS TO YOU!
WHAT'S THAT?
HEY! WHAT DOES IT SAY?
WHAT'S THAT?
HMM... I WONDER.
!
ACTUALLY, THAT LADY LOOKED LIKE YOU!
YEAH ...
I CAN'T READ IT EITHER,
BUT...

NEXT TIME: ERIKA, RIO AND AIKO ALL AT ONCE?!

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IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE THEN, HUH? TIME WENT BY SO FAST...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, ERIKA DUMPED ME LAST CHRISTMAS... MAN, THAT WAS ROUGH.
WE SHOULD BREAK UP...
I'VE GOT THREE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN AFTER ME!
NAKA-SAKA-KUN!
NAKA-SAKA-SAN!
KOU-ICHI! ♡
BUT THINGS ARE DIF-FERENT NOW!
HEH HEH HEH HEH!
SHH! DON'T LOOK AT HIM!
TWITCH
TWITCH
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!
MOMMY! THAT SANTA IS SCARY!
BUT THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FEELING SMUG...
-SIGH-
THEIR LIVES AND MINE ARE HANGING ON THIS. I HAVE TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.
YOU LOOK SO SE-RIOUS, SANTA!
HUH?

I'M ON MY LUNCH BREAK, SO I THOUGHT I'D GO OUT TO EAT.
HUH? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU BROUGHT WANKO-CHAN TO MY HOME AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR, DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH.
IT'S BEEN A YEAR...
ERIKA!

YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE MATURE NOW...
THAN YOU WERE THEN.
MAYBE IT'S THE FANCY TIE? IT'S A PAUL SMITH I'M PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT IT...
...NOT LIKE IT MATTERS WHEN I'M WEARING THIS, THOUGH.
OH, SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRIST-MAS THIS YEAR?
WELL... I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET...
THEN, SINCE WE'RE BOTH SINGLE, WHY DON'T WE SPEND IT TOGETHER?*
HUH? YOU? WITH ME?
... YEAH.
EEHEE!
SEE!
AHAHA!
I GUESS!

*CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN IS A HOLIDAY FOR COUPLES, SIMILAR TO VALENTINE'S DAY IN THE US

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A LOT HAPPENED THIS YEAR...
AND TO FINISH IT OFF, I'VE GOT CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ERIKA, HUH?
SCREECH
HUH ...?
BAM
ARE YOU OKAY, NAKASAKA-SAN?
CLACK
STAGGER
STAGGER
R-RIO-SAN...

SORRY... I JUST BROUGHT MY CAR IN FOR AN INSPECTION...
YOUR DRIVING HASN'T CHANGED ...
OKAY THEN, I'LL GO PROCESS THAT FOR YOU.
HUH? RIO-SAN? IS THAT A NEW HAIR-STYLE?
!
YES, IT IS! ♡
IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS, SO I TRIED DOING IT UP! ♡
OH! I'M HAVING A PARTY AT MY PLACE DO YOU WANT TO COME?
HERE'S YOUR INVITATION!
OH! I'LL COME!
SHE LOOKS WAY MORE FEMININE THAN BEFORE... IT'S CUTE...
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN ANGEL! ♡
BADUMP
RUSTLE
Merry Christmas

WOW!
IT'S HAND-MADE!
EHE!
Merry Christmas
INVITATION TO: NAKASAKA-SAN
CHRISTMAS PARTY DETAILS:
WHEN: DEC. 25TH
WHERE: RIO'S PLACE
MAKE SURE TO COME!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HUH?
I SAID IT'S A PARTY, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY JUST US...
AND WHEN YOU COME... I WANT TO HEAR YOUR ANSWER TO WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE.

THUNK
RIO-SAN...
SEE YOU!
Y-YEAH...
EHE!
I TRUST YOU!
RIO-SAN IS SO CUTE...
SHE EVEN MADE ME THIS...
HUH? BUT I HAVE A DATE WITH ERIKA ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
WHAT DO I DO?! I TOTALLY DOUBLE-BOOKED MYSELF!

HEY! STOP ZONING OUT!
A-AIKO-SAN?!
YOU LOOK LIKE A MESS!
YOU'RE SMIRKING... AND SLOUCHING!
WH-WHY ARE YOU HERE?
FOR AN INSPECTION, OF COURSE!
YOUR ASSESSMENT GRADE FOR YOUR BONUS... IS D MINUS.
YEEEEEEKS!
OH... BUT CUSTOMERS SEEM TO BE GIVING YOU GOOD REVIEWS.
HUH?

AIKO-SAN...
IT'S NOT JUST THAT YOU HAVE GOOD RESULTS ...
MAYBE THE COMPANY NEEDS SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
KOUICHI NAKASAKA SURVEY
Always nice and gives me good advice
Really friendly and easy to
He was really nice, like family
DON'T BE SILLY. I'M JUST GIVING YOU YOUR STAFF EVALUA-TION.
THAT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY!
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN PRAISED LIKE THAT BEFORE, SO...
O-OH, YES.... UNDER-STOOD.
YOU'LL ONLY BE BURDEN-ING YOUR COWORKERS IF YOU DON'T USE UP YOUR DAYS OFF!
OH, YES, AND ACCORD-ING TO OUR RECORDS, YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN TIME OFF.
HUH? BUT THE STORE'LL BE REALLY BUSY THEN.
OKAY, I'M WRITING DOWN THE 24TH FOR YOU!

BUT YOU HAVE TO SPEND THE WHOLE DAY WITH ME!
HUH? DO YOU MEAN...
TO CARRY YOUR BAGS?
YOU DUMMY! IT'S A DATE, YOU DUMB-BELL!
WE PROMISED BEFORE! I SAID I'D MAKE YOU SOME-THING SO GOOD YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY NO TO ME!
I'LL BE MAKING A DELICIOUS CAKE* FOR YOU ON CHRISTMAS EVE, SO YOU'D BETTER BE READY FOR IT!
*JAPANESE EAT CAKE ON CHRISTMAS. THEY CALL IT "CHRISTMAS CAKE."

Y-YES, MA'AM...
SEE YOU, THEN.
SWOW
SWOW
WHAT DO I DO?! I EVEN MADE A DATE WITH AIKO-SAN!!
I TRIPLE-BOOKED MYSELF! WHAT DO I DO?!
ERI-KA... RIO-SAN...
AIKO-SAN...
WHO SHOULD I PICK?
HEY, WANKO. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU'RE TOO LOUD!
!

DO WHAT YOU WANT!
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS!
THUMP
WANKO ...
TSK! SHE'S SO COLD!
WHATEVER! I'LL FIGURE IT OUT ON MY OWN!
BLEAH!
HUH? BUT YOU ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!
DON'T BE LIKE THAT! HELP ME OUT!
I DON'T CARE!
STAND

*THESE ARE ALL THINGS YOU PUT IN ODEN. WHEN ORDERING ODEN, YOU PICK WHICH ITEMS GO IN. HANPEN IS A TRIANGLE-SHAPED CAKE MADE FROM FISH PASTE. KINCHAKU IS THIN FRIED TOFU TIED IN A PURSE SHAPE AROUND A STICKY RICE BALL. ATSUAGE IS THICK, FRIED TOFU.

BUT... IF I DON'T CHOOSE NOW...
I THINK I'LL BE SCREWED FOR LIFE...
KOU-ICHI...
COULD YOU LIVE WITH THAT?
!
DIAMONDS ARE LOVE
A RING, FOR YOUR ETERNAL LOVE
TH-THAT'S ...

I BOUGHT IT ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT...
IT COST ME THREE MONTHS' SALARY!
I CAN'T GO BACK NOW!
I'LL GIVE THIS TO ONE OF THEM...
I'M GONNA PRO-POSE!
LOOK, WANKO! COOL, RIGHT? I BOUGHT A RING!
AH!
CHOMP

AH! HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! SPIT IT OUT!
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MERF
THAT COST ME THREE MONTH'S SALARY!
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PTOO
IT'S OUT!
YOU DUMMY! I WOULDN'T EAT IT, DUH!
PHEW
BUT HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING, KOUICHI?
WH-WHAT?
YOU CAN GIVE THAT RING TO WHOEVER YOU WANT, BUT...

...?!
IF YOU GET MAR-RIED...
I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE A HUMAN ANY-MORE...
OH... WANKO WILL DISAP-PEAR...
WILL HE CHOOSE ONE OF THE GIRLS? OR WILL HE CHOOSE WANKO?
WHAT WILL YOU DO, KOUICHI?!

12/24
PM 8:32
CHEER
CHEER
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AHH... CHRIST-MAS EVE IS FINALLY HERE.
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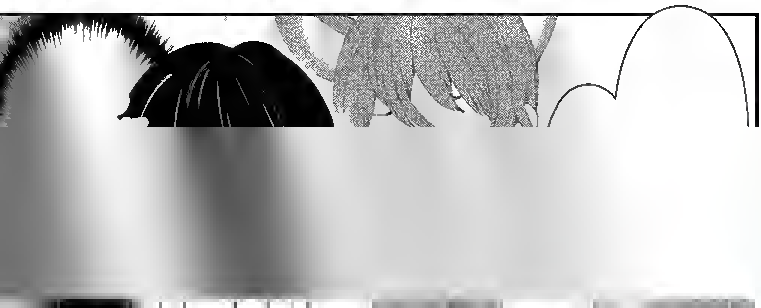
CHAPTERRIER 40: HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE



BUT IF I KEEP PUTTING OFF RESPONDING LIKE I HAVE BEEN, I THINK I COULD BE SCREWED FOR LIFE...
OH, CRAP! IT'S ALMOST NINE!
I'LL BE LATE FOR MY DATE WITH AIKO-SAN!
12/24
8:55
ANYWAY, I'M JUST GONNA HOLD ONTO THIS RING...
AND CONFESS MY LOVE TO WHOEVER I END UP WANTING TO GIVE IT TO.
WANKO WILL UNDER-STAND...
ピンポーン
OPEN
STAAAARE
YOU'RE LATE!
YOU'RE THREE SECONDS LATE, NAKA-SAKA-KUN!
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
S-SORRY!

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WHOA! IS THIS YOUR CAR, AIKO-SAN?!
IT'S NOT THAT AMAZING. IT'S JUST FOR SHOP-PING.
SHE REALLY IS THE SAIONJI GROUP HEIRESS... WOW...
SO WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HUH? YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED?
OF COURSE NOT! I'VE NEVER BEEN ON A DATE BEFORE...
YOU'VE GOT EXPERI-ENCE! OBVIOUS-LY YOU SHOULD DECIDE!
COME ON, HURRY UP AND DO IT!

VROOOM
ACK!
ROGER! THEN LET'S GO!
IS WHERE YOU USUALLY GO FOR DATES, RIGHT?
UM... WELL... THE AMUSEMENT PARK...
TOKYO STAR LAND
WELL, IT IS CHRISTMAS EVE...
WOW! IT'S FULL OF COUPLES!
ALL THE COUPLES ARE WEARING MATCHING EARS...
O-OH, YEAH! THEY ARE.
WE CAN'T LET THEM BEAT US! LET'S GO GET SOME!

CLACK
カチャ
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M PUTTING THESE ON AT THE AGE OF 25...
HM?
SH-SHE'S SO CUTE!
HURRY UP AND PUT YOURS ON, TOO!
O-OKAY!
...
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
SO WHAT DO COUPLES DO NOW?
UM... LINK ARMS AND STUFF, I GUESS...
L-LINK ARMS..?

F-FINE, I'LL TAKE YOUR ARM!
HUH? YOU'RE ACTUALLY GONNA DO IT?!
SHUT UP AND GIVE ME YOUR ARM!
I'M DOING IT!
O-OKAY ...
ぎゅ
WOW... I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ON A DATE WITH SUCH A PRETTY GIRL ON MY ARM!
IT'S MY FIRST TIME, YOU KNOW?
MAN, THIS MAKES ME HAPPY!
AHAHAHA!
アハハ

WOW! THIS IS SUCH A FANCY CAKE!
Merry Christmas
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!
HOW IS IT? IS IT GOOD?
BOUND
HURRY UP AND TRY IT!
CHOMP
O-OKAY!
COME ON! DRINK SOME WATER!
YOU IDIOT! WHY ARE YOU (HOK-ING)?!
GOHO GOHO COUGH COUGH

THAT WAS GREAT!
BLUSH
R-REALLY?
FOR REAL?
I'M GLAD!
OKAY! NOW MY REVENGE IS COMPLETE!
HUH?
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? THAT I'D MAKE YOU SOMETHING SO GOOD THAT YOU...
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY NO TO ME...
O-OH...
BADUMP
BUT WHY ME?
YOU GAVE ME A D-MINUS ON MY BONUS EVALUATION...
YOU ARE A PITIFUL SCREW-UP AND A FAILURE AS A HUMAN BEING, BUT...
Merry Christmas

YOU CHANGED MY MIND DURING THE EVENTS INVOLVING MY GRANDFATHER..
YOU TAUGHT ME THAT PEOPLE AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM...
YOU'RE AN A PLUS PERSON TO ME.
AIKO-SAN...
どきっ! どきっ! どきっ! どきっ!
BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM
どきっ! どきっ! どきっ! どきっ!
BADUM BADUM BADUM BADUM
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME AIKO-SAN HAS EVER SPOKEN SO HIGHLY OF ME...
スッ
SLIDE
キラーン
SHINE
MAYBE I SHOULD PICK AIKO-SAN, AFTER ALL...

TURN
OKAY, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
SWISH
WAN-KO'S HAIR?
IF YOU GET MARRIED...
I'LL REMAIN A DOG FOREVER...
BAM
WANKO...

I'M SERIOUS, NAKASAKA-KUN.
I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE SAIONJI GROUP.
HUH?
I'LL GIVE YOU WHATEVER JOB YOU WANT!
I'LL PAY YOU TEN TIMES... NO, A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WHAT YOU MAKE NOW!
IT'S OKAY! I WON'T LET ANYONE CALL YOU A FAILURE EVER AGAIN!
I'LL MAKE YOU AN AMAZING MAN!
I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH EVERYTHING!
AIKO-SAN...

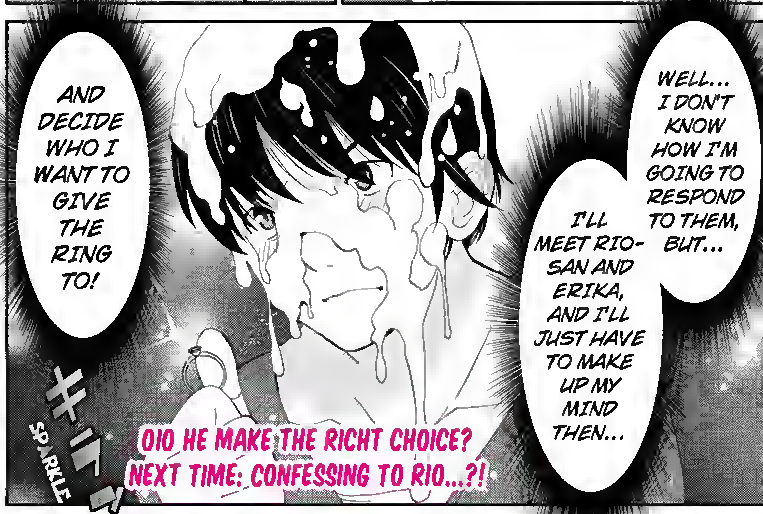
I'M SO SORRY!
SCRAPE
I... MAY NOT BE MUCH, BUT I'M STILL A MAN...
SO NO MATTER HOW PATHETIC I AM OR HOW MUCH OTHERS MAY LOOK DOWN ON ME...
I STILL...
WANT TO BE THE ONE TO PROVIDE FOR MY GIRLFRIEND WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT.
SO I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU...

I-I'M NOT WORTH THAT!
AND IT WOULD MAKE YOUR GRAND-FATHER SAD!
THEN I'LL FOR-SAKE MY INHERI-TANCE!
OH...
U-UM... NO...
Y-YOU WON'T HAVE ME...?
NO MATTER WHAT?
S-SORRY...

SMASH
YOU JERK !!
OH! THAT MADE ME FEEL BET-TER!
A-AIKO-SAN!
バン
SLAM
!

GOOD-BYE...
F-MINUS.
ブオオ
...
?!

HEY, WANKO, DO YOU THINK I MADE THE RIGHT DECI-SION?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
ACK!
WANKO! YOU FOL-LOWED ME?!
LICK
LICK


WELL... I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO RESPOND TO THEM, BUT...
I'LL MEET RIO-SAN AND ERIKA, AND I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE UP MY MIND THEN...
AND DECIDE WHO I WANT TO GIVE THE RING TO!
SPARKLE
010 HE MAKE THE RICHT CHOICE?
NEXT TIME: CONFESSING TO RIO...?!

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CHAPTERRIER 41: WITHIN YOU, WITHOUT YOU

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IN THE END, I COULDN'T GIVE THE RING TO AIKO-SAN...
SO I HAVE TO GIVE IT TO ONE OF THE OTHER TWO!
NEVER-MIND THE RING, SHE MIGHT NOT EVEN LET ME IN AT THIS RATE...
I HAVE TO HURRY!
OH, NO! IT'S AL-READY THIS LATE?!
I'M AN HOUR LATE FOR MY DATE WITH RIO-SAN!
HUH?
NAKA-SAKA-SAN, OVER HERE!

MANGABOX

WHAT A RELIEF... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT!
I WAS WORRIED!
SORRY I'M LATE...
SHE DIDN'T GET ANGRY... SHE CAME OUT IN THE COLD TO MEET ME!
SHE REALLY IS A NICE GIRL!
OH! YOU BROUGHT WANKO-CHAN, TOO?
YES... DO YOU MIND IF SHE'S WITH US?
OF COURSE NOT! SHE'S VERY WELCOME!
COME ON, IT'S COLD OUT! LET'S GO INSIDE AND WARM UP.
OKAY!

IT'S KINDA WARM AND CUTE...
IT HAS A REALLY NICE FEEL TO IT! ♡
SO THIS IS YOUR PLACE! ♡
TAKE A SEAT!
カンパーイ
CHEERS!
OKAY!
LET'S START WITH A TOAST!
I MADE TOO MUCH, SO THERE'S SECONDS AND THIRDS! PLEASE EAT ALL THE LEFTOVERS!
ドン
BAM
YOU TOO, WAN-KO-CHAN! ♡
I LOVE COOK-ING!
IT'S REALLY GOOD!
DID YOU MAKE ALL OF THIS, RIO-SAN?
I FORGOT THAT RIO-SAN IS SUCH A BIG EATER...
I DUNNO IF I CAN EAT ALL THIS...

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IT'S MY DREAM TO WORK AT A VETERINARY HOSPITAL...
OH, THAT?
WHAT'S THAT? WERE YOU STUDYING SOMETHING?
SO I'M STUDYING TO BECOME A VETERINARY ASSISTANT.
OH, REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE GOALS!
SO IF I GET MARRIED, I'D LIKE MY HUSBAND TO BE SOMEONE WHO LIKES ANIMALS...
LIKE ...
SOMEONE LIKE YOU, NAKASAKA-SAN.
M-ME?
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI

SHOULD I MAKE THIS RING HER PRESENT?
NO, I CAN'T DO THAT...
I DIDN'T GET HER ANY-THING!
OH, NO!
OH!
OH, YEAH! YOUR PRES-ENT!
HERE, NAKASAKA-SAN! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
THANK YOU, RIO...
BUT... I... DIDN'T ...
LIKE, I GOT A PRESENT, BUT I SORT OF CAN'T GIVE IT TO YOU.
IT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I JUST GOT YOU SOMETHING BECAUSE I WANTED TO.
JUST OPEN IT, PLEASE!
O-OKAY ...
?!

HUH...? THIS LOOKS LIKE A SCARF ERIKA GOT ME A LONG TIME AGO...
WANKO CHEWED IT UP, THOUGH.
A SCARF ?!
RIO-SAN, HOW...?
OVER A YEAR AGO I HAPPENED TO SEE YOU AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND ON A DATE...
IN LALA-PORT.
SHE BOUGHT YOU A SCARF THEN...
YOU TWO LOOKED SO HAPPY, I WAS EN-VIOUS...
AND I FELT LIKE I'D LIKE TO HAVE A GREAT BOY-FRIEND LIKE THAT, TOO.
SO I KNITTED IT IN CASE I MET THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE SOMEDAY.
RIO-SAN ...

I WAS SO EXCITED...
BUT THEN THE VERY PERSON I'D BEEN ADMIRING APPEARED IN THE PET-SHOP ONE DAY...
YOU BOUGHT WANKO-CHAN...
WE BECAME FRIENDS...
AND AFTER A WHILE I FOUND OUT YOU'D BROKEN UP WITH YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...
I... THOUGHT IT WAS FATE.
AND... I...
I...

I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...
ALL THIS TIME, NAKA-SAKA-SAN.
RIO-SAN...
HMM?
AGH!
STOP THAT, WANKO!
LEAP
HUH?!
AH!
EEK!!

R-RIO-SAN...
P-PLEASE...
NOW... GIVE ME... AN ANS-WER...
ドキドキ
DOKIDOKI

WITH AIKO-SAN, IT FELT LIKE SHE LOVED ME WITH EVERY-THING SHE HAD...
BUT WITH RIO-SAN IT FEELS LIKE HER LOVE HAS BUILT UP SLOWLY.
I WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY...
IF I WERE WITH RIO-SAN...
SHOULD I GIVE THIS RING TO RIO-SAN AS HER PRESENT?
ギュッ
SQUEEZE
!
WANKO?!

IF I GIVE THIS TO HER, WANKO WILL...
...
!
NAKA-SAKA-SAN?
WANKO
...

YOU REALLY DO LOVE WANKO, HUH?
HUH?
I UNDER-STAND ...
IT'S OKAY ...
I'LL... GIVE UP ON YOU.
RIO-SAN...

I LIKE PEOPLE WHO LIKE ANIMALS, BUT...
I DON'T WANT SOMEONE WHO LOVES ANIMALS MORE THAN THEY LOVE ME.
RIO-SAN...
SHE'S BEEN SO NICE TO ME...
...

DON'T APOLO-GIZE, NAKA-SAKA-SAN.
SORRY, I...
RIO-SAN...
I TURNED YOU DOWN.
YOU DIDN'T TURN ME DOWN ...
AS YOUR FRIEND
I'LL FIX THIS AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU ANOTHER DAY...
OKAY ...

THEN ...
I'LL SEE YOU AT THE STORE.
AW...
THERE'S SO MANY LEFT-OVERS...
-:SOB:-
MUNCH MUNCH
I'M GONNA BE HAPPY ...
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
JUST YOU WATCH!

SNOW ...
RIO-SAN...
GOOD-BYE...
I'VE GOT TO BE HONEST WITH ERIKA, WANKO... FOR RIO-SAN.
A SAD SNOW FALLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
WOOF
WOOF
WILL KOUICHI FIND HAPPINESS?

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CHAPTERRIER 42: FOR YOU BLUE
WAIT FOR ME, ERIKA! I'M COMING RIGHT NOW!
I BROUGHT THIS RING TO GIVE TO ERIKA...
I'LL GIVE THIS TO HER AND PRO-POSE...
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CLINK
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TOGETHER.
MangaBox

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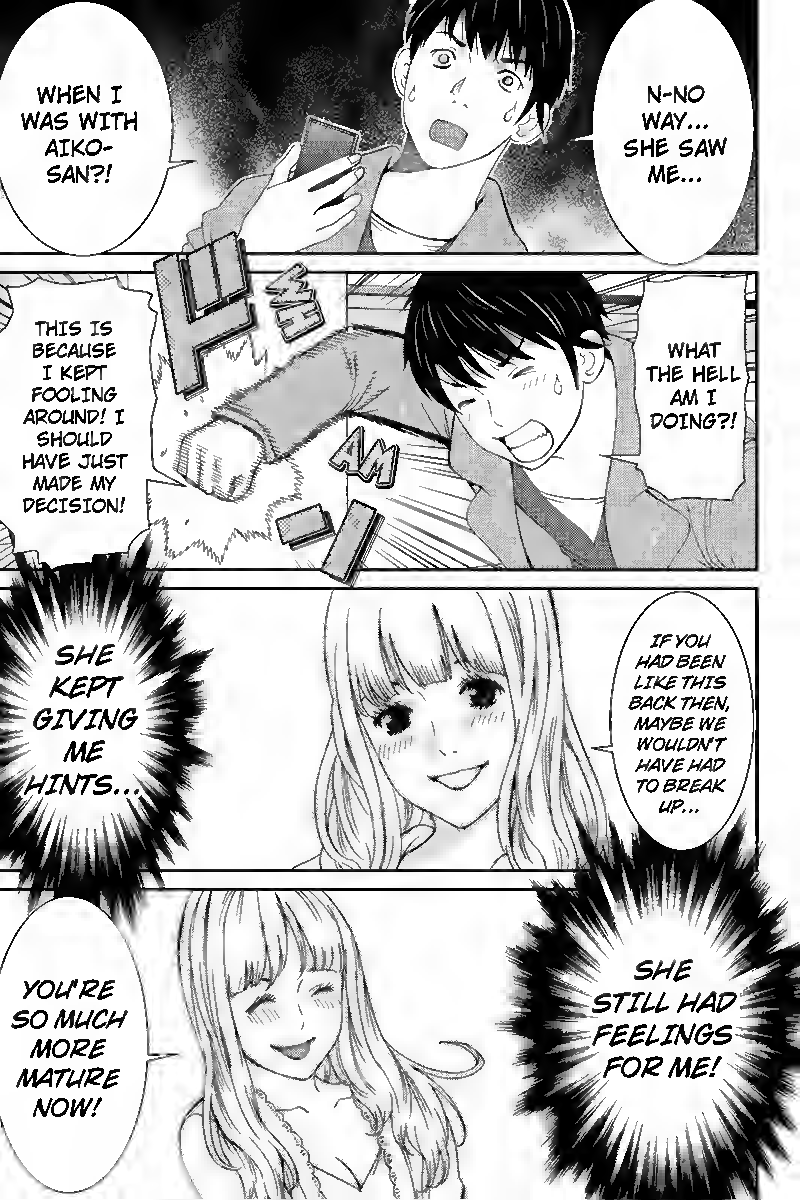
ERIKA! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
GACHA
CLACK
HUH?
SHE'S NOT HERE...
TH-THAT'S ODD. I'LL TRY CALLING HER!
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED IS EITHER OUT OF RANGE...
OR HAS BEEN TURNED OFF.
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED ...
I CAN'T REACH HER...
PM
10:28
DEC 25TH (WED)
YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FROM ERIKA IWATA.
I GOT A TEXT FROM HER!
HMM?

SORRY FOR TEXTING YOU SO LATE, KOUICHI...
?!
I SAW YOU GET INTO A SPORTS CAR WITH A REALLY PRETTY WOMAN THIS MORNING...
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO DENSE AND NOT NOTICING THAT YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND...
BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? THAT WAS A LITTLE COLD OF YOU.
I THINK I'LL TURN OVER A NEW LEAF, TOO, AND GO TO A FORMAL MATCH-MAKING SESSION.
I'M GOING BACK TO KYOTO KNOW.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING, AND GOOD-BYE.


WHEN I WAS WITH AIKO-SAN?!
N-NO WAY... SHE SAW ME...
THIS IS BECAUSE I KEPT FOOLING AROUND! I SHOULD HAVE JUST MADE MY DECISION!
ドン
AM
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?!
SHE KEPT GIVING ME HINTS...
IF YOU HAD BEEN LIKE THIS BACK THEN, MAYBE WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BREAK UP...
YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE MATURE NOW!
SHE STILL HAD FEELINGS FOR ME!

SINCE WE'RE BOTH SINGLE, WHY DON'T WE SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE TOGETHER?
IT'S A DATE! PROMISE!
BUT I BETRAYED HER FEELINGS...
A HOPELESS LOSER!
I REALLY AM...

IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME TO BE DEPRESSED THEN GO AFTER HER!
HUH?
I-IT'S TOO LATE...
BY NOW SHE'S PROBA-BLY...
YOU LOVE HER, RIGHT?
RUB
BUT I CAN'T DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT! IT'S OVER!
RUB
AND THIS WAY YOU CAN STAY HUMAN, ANYWAY!
...
SINK
HMM?

OW!
WHAM
TH-THAT HURTS! STOP IT!
OW!!
WHAP
ITMAGER
YOU'RE MAKING ME MAD!
THAT REALLY HURTS!
SHOVE
CUT THAT OUT!
?!

WANKO...
YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL!
YOU THINK THIS IS WHAT I WANT?
HUH?
I WANT TO CHAT WITH YOU MORE...
AND PLAY WITH YOU LOTS!
BUT...

NOTH-
ING
MAKES
A DOG
HAPPI-
ER..
THAN
SEEING
HER
PART-
NER
HAPPY!
WANKO
...

I LOVE YOU, KOUICHI ♡
I THOUGHT I'D GROWN A LITTLE FROM BEING WITH YOU, BUT I GUESS I HAVEN'T CHANGED!
KOU-ICHI ...
SIGH
BITE MY BUTT, WANKO!
COME ON!
HUH ?
O-OKAY ...
OWWW!

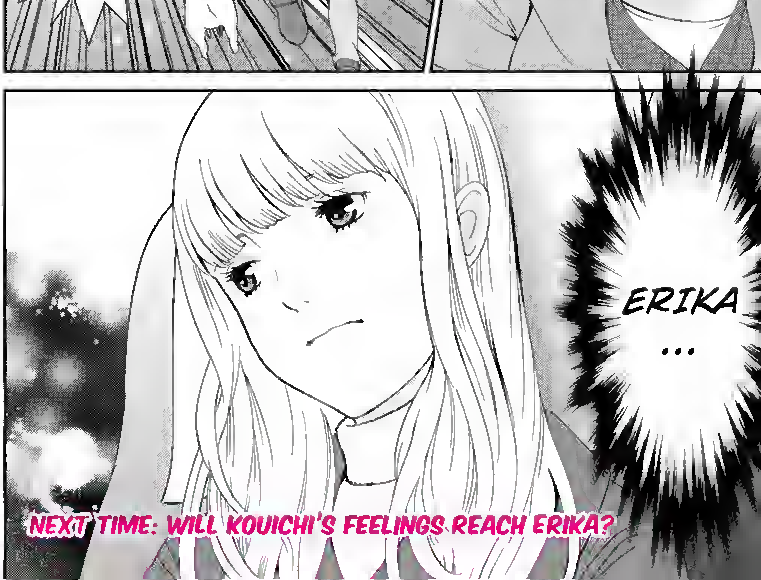
O-OKAY... THAT WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED. THANKS, WANKO.
I'M GOING AFTER ERIKA!
OKAY! I'M COM-ING, TOO!
HOOONK
IF ERIKA'S GOING BACK TO HER PAR-ENTS' HOUSE IN KYOTO AT THIS HOUR, SHE COULD ONLY GO BY BUS...
AND THE NEAREST NIGHT BUS STOP IS IN SHIN-JUKU.
IF I GO RIGHT NOW I MIGHT JUST BARELY MAKE IT!
EX-CUSE ME!
PLEASE BE THERE, ERIKA!
PLEASE LET ME THROUGH !!

DASH
I MADE IT!
WHICH ONE IS IT...?
THERE'S SO MANY BUSES HERE!
OH!
THAT'S ERIKA!
WAIT ...
STOP THE BUS!
VRRR
PSHHT

HEY!
DON'T GO!
I LOVE YOU!
HUH ?
DASH!!
SORRY !!
HUH? ME...?
WHO ARE YOU?!
WOOF WOOF
WH-WHAT, WANKO ...
?!

VRRRRR
フォォ
HUH?
WOOF
ワン
WOOF
ワン
AHHH!
ERIKA!!
I'M HEAD-ING FOR THAT BUS!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WOOF
ワン
WOOF
ワン
S-SOR-RY... LET ME GO...
THUMP
ドォ
AWW!
OW!

VRRRRR
WAIT!
STOP THE BUS!


ERIKA ...
NEXT TIME: WILL KOUICHI'S FEELINGS REACH ERIKA?

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WAIT!
STOP THE BUS!
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CHAPTERRIER 43: GETTING BETTER
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...
WAIT!
VRRRRR
I LOVE ERIKA...
I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL, NOT REALIZING THAT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...
TAP
TAP
TAP

I... DON'T WANT TO...
LOSE HER!
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DAMN IT!
I CAN'T CATCH UP!
ゼエ
ゼエ
AH!
SLIP

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CHOMP
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
VRRR
WAN-KO?!
CLANGE

LEAP
SKID
SKID
SKID
FLI
ING

A-A HU-MAN ?!
HUH...? WAS THAT REAL?!
WANKO-CHAN...?
AH!

SORRY, ERIKA! I...
NO. I'M SORRY FOR NOT NOTICING THAT YOU HAD A GIRL-FRIEND...
HUH?
BUT I DON'T!
AIKO-SAN ISN'T MY GIRL-FRIEND!
WHEN I SAY I'M SORRY, I MEAN I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO IRRESPON-SIBLE UP 'TIL NOW...

I-I... I WAS SO PASSIVE I ENDED UP TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE KIND WOMEN WHO APPROACHED ME...
I COULDN'T MAKE UP MY MIND...
AND I HURT THEM, TOO...
A YEAR AGO I KEPT PUTTING OFF MY RESPONSE TO YOU, LEADING YOU TO DUMP ME...
BUT I DIDN'T LEARN FROM THAT AT ALL.
BUT WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO LOSE YOU AGAIN...
I REAL-IZED...
IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO SAY THIS, BUT...
I...

I LOVE YOU...
MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD !!
...
I'M A HUGE, PATHETIC IDIOT, BUT...
I WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY ...
SO WITH THIS RING ...
HMM ?!
SLIP

THERE'S A CHIP ON THIS RING!
WANKO! YOU BIT ON THIS TOO HARD!
SORRY! I'LL BUY YOU A BETTER ONE LATER!
SUCK
THIS ONE IS OKAY!
BUT ...
THE DIA-MONDS AT THE STORE ARE ALL THE SAME...
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WITH WANKO-CHAN'S BITE MARK ON IT!

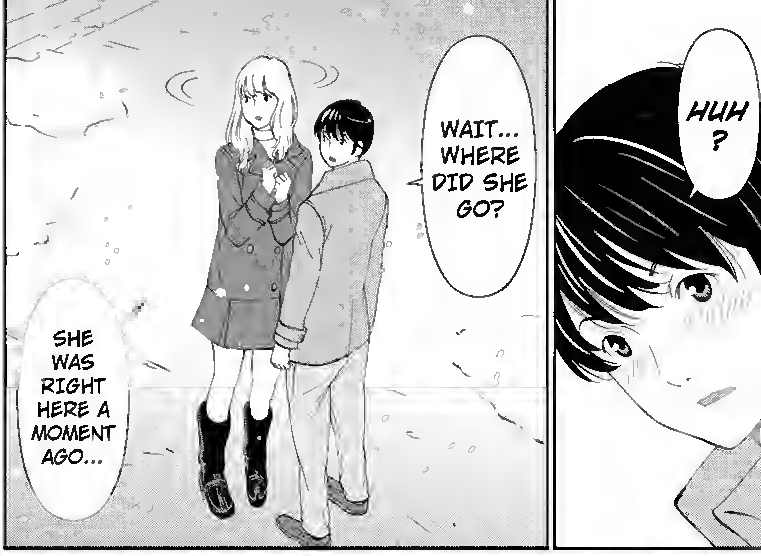
ERIKA
...
WILL YOU MARRY ME?

YES...
IT LOOKS LIKE WANKO-CHAN IS CELEBRATING FOR US, TOO!
AHAHA!
WOOF
ワン

OH! WHAT IS IT?
TAP
TAP
TAP
WHAT, WANKO ?
ズル
ズル
OH!
ERIKA ...

ワオーン
AWOOOO-

ワオーン
AWOOOO!
ワン
WOOF
ワン
WOOF
THAT'S GREAT, KOUICHI...
CON-GRATS ...
W-WANKO SURE DOES WEIRD THINGS, HUH?
AHAHA!
IT'S LIKE SHE ACTUALLY UNDER-STANDS OUR FEEL-INGS!


SHE WAS RIGHT HERE A MOMENT AGO...
WAIT... WHERE DID SHE GO?
HUH?

AND DISAPPEARS AROUND A SNOWY STREET CORNER...
WANKO LEAVES KOUICHI BEHIND...
NEXT TIME: THE MOVING GRAND FINALE! GOODBYE, WANKO!

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CHAPTERRIER 44: THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

WANKO! THERE YOU ARE!
PANT
PANT

MANGABOX

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BE HAPPY WITH HER!
WAN-KO...
SOR-RY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY SORRY. WE'RE NOT PARTING WAYS.
PLUS ...
IF YOU'RE HAPPY...
THEN I AM, TOO!

WANKO...
BUT IF I MARRY ERIKA, YOU'LL BE A DOG FOREVER.
I'M OKAY. I'LL STILL BE WANKO!
WE WON'T BE able TO TALK LIKE THIS!
THAT'S OKAY!
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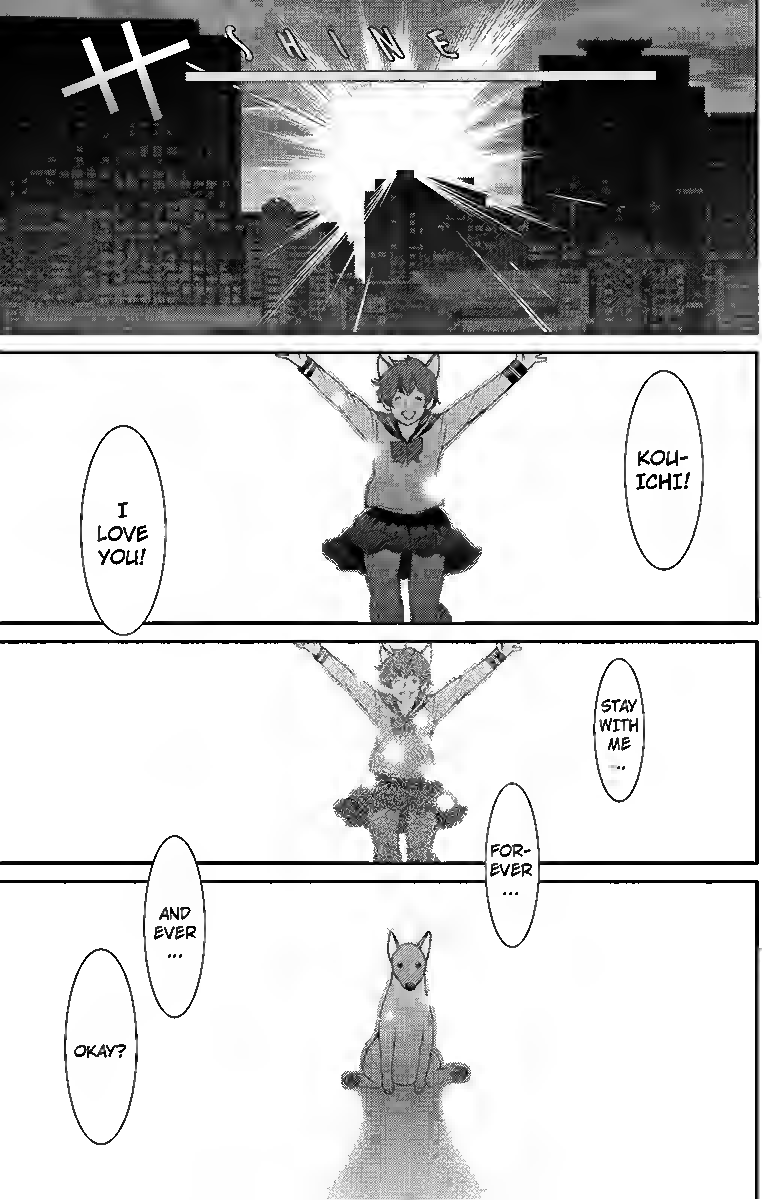
トン
WE CAN ALWAYS TALK... IN HERE.
トン
TAP
トン
TAP
YEAH...

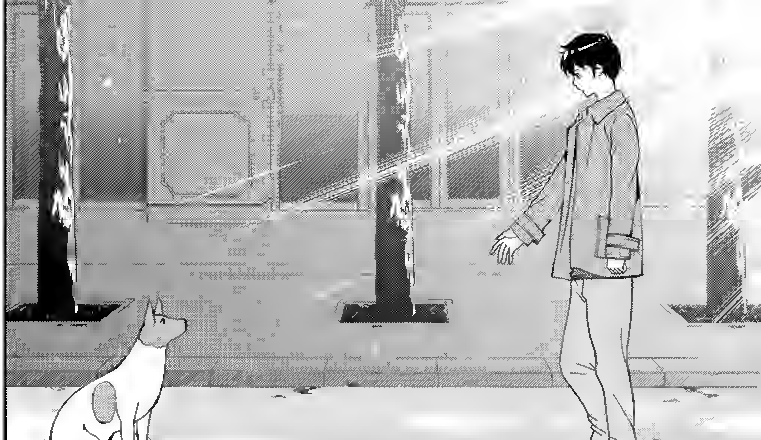
I WAS SURPRISED, TOO, THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU...
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING CRAZY, BUT...
BUT IT'S STILL SO MYSTERIOUS!
I WONDER WHY YOU SEE ME AS A HUMAN?
I SAID, "PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE."
SPLAT
I PRAYED TO GOD...
THE DAY ERIKA DUMPED ME, CHRISTMAS LAST YEAR...
AND WHILE I WAS WITH YOU, MY LONELINESS WENT AWAY...
HAHAHA!
HAHAHA!
AND THEN YOU BECAME A HUMAN FOR ME...
EVERY TIME I SAW YOU SMILE.
KYU-IQN!
I FELT HAPPY...

THAT'S WHY I THINK GOD SENT YOU TO ME.
THANKS, WANKO...
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO ME.
THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME FOR THE PAST YEAR!
SQUEEZE
ギュッ

AND KEEP LOVING ME FROM NOW ON, TOO!
YEAH ...
I LOVE YOU, KOU-ICHI!

BYE...
WANKO ...


SHINE
KOU-ICHI!
I LOVE YOU!
STAY WITH ME...
FOR-EVER...
AND EVER...
OKAY?



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WOOF
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WOOF
ワン
WOOF

クル
SPIN
ワン
WOOF
ワン
WOOF
クル
SPIN

WANKO
...

ペロ
Lick
ペロ
Lick
I PRO-
MISE...

I'LL ALWAYS ...
STAY WITH YOU.
GONG
GONG
CHEER
CHEER
CONGRATULATIONS!
CONGRATULATIONS, NAKASAKA-SAN!
CONGRATS, BRO!

EEK!
FLING
HERE I GO!
OMP
CHO
SKID
WANKO!

HEY!
WHAP
S-SORRY, ERIKA!
WHAP
PLONK
プロン
WAIT, WANKO!
SMUSH
ギュッ
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
HAHAHA!
ハハハ!

AND TIME WENT BY...

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER...
STOP IT, BRO!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
NICE WEATHER, HUH?
DO YOU REMEMBER, WANKO?
YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO TALK, A LONG TIME AGO...
SNOOZE
SNOOZE

MAYBE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN...
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, AFTER ALL...
OH, YEAH. WANNA PLAY FETCH?
HONEY, WANKO-CHAN IS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.
THAT'S ALMOST NINETY IN DOG YEARS. DON'T PUSH HER.
YEAH...
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, SHE'S BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT SLEEPING LATELY...
OKAY! I'LL NAP WITH YOU TODAY, WANKO!
!

YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT THAT, HUH?
HA HA HA HA!
I LOVE YOU, KOUICHI...
HUH?!
W-WAS THAT ...
THAT WAS YOU, RIGHT?
WHINE
PANT PANT

ギュッ
HUG
WANKO ...
I LOVE YOU TOO, WANKO...
SMILE

THANKS...

FOR ALL THE MEMORIES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING!
PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO TAMAKOSHI'S NEXT MANGA.
WANKO LOVE FOREVER!